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Sir:	REQUEST F	Γ <u>C</u> FOR CONTINU	1700 ed examinati	ON (RCE) UNDE	R RULE 114	
Please continue the examination of this application.						
PREREQUISITES						
	This application was <u>filed on/after June 8, 1995</u> , is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.					
An issue fee has not been paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed see item 4 below).						
Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).						
Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.						
This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.  Please consider the following before the next Official Action:						
1. Please ⊠ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed 2. ☑ The enclosed new Amendment 3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed and reply brief filed 4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition. 5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement ☐ IDS Letter ☐ Cited Appln ☐ Foreign Search Report/OA ☐ PTO-1449 ☐ Cited Documents						
6.	Please suspend action ur	der Rule 103(c)	for a period of	months (3 mos. Ma		
7. Peti this	required \$130 fee (fee code 098) to our Deposit Account (see below).  Petition is hereby made to extend the <b>original</b> due date of to cover the date  this Request is filed. <b>PLEASE CHARGE</b> the requisite fee to our Deposit  Account (see below)  PLEASE CHARGE the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of \$\infty\$ \$\frac{10}{3}\$ \$\fr					
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Examiner: CROWELL, A.

## AMENDMENT WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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Prior to issuance of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A microwave plasma processing apparatus comprising:

a wavelength reducing member constructed and arranged to reduce a wavelength of a microwave transmitted therethrough;

a slot electrode guiding the microwave exiting the wavelength reducing member, the slot electrode provided adjacent to the wavelength reducing member;

a first temperature control device constructed and arranged to control a temperature of at least one of the slot electrode and component parts including the wavelength reducing member provided in the vicinity of the slot electrode within a predetermined range of temperatures by heating at least one of the slot electrode and component parts including the

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